



St. Andrew's United Church

Arden, Manitoba

MINISTER :: A. C. McCOLL



Anniversary Service



Sunday, October 30th, 1955

- 1—Organ Prelude: Miss G. McInnes, organist.
- 2—Call to Worship.
- 3—Doxology.
- 4—Invocation.
- 5—Hymn: No. 668: "O Sing a New Song to the Lord".
- 6—Responsive Reading: Psalm selection No. 732 in Hymnary.
- 7—Hymn No. 241: "Christ for the World We Sing".
- 8—Scripture Lesson.
- 9—Anthem: "He Shall Reign Forever".
- 10—Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer sung by congregation.
- 11—Offering and Dedication.
- 12—Announcements.
- 13—Solo: "Enough to Know", Mrs. Jean Griffith.
- 14—Children's Story.
- 15—Hymn No. 584: "Can a Little Child Like Me".
- 16—Sermon: Rev. C. S. Matchett, B.A., B.D.
- 17—Hymn No. 402: "Lead On, O King Eternal".
- 18—Benediction.
- 19—Vesper.

FRIEND:

You enter this church

Not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal men who in the name of Jesus Christ builded this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praises. Beseech His blessings on those who love this home of faith as the inspiration of their labour, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both on your going out and on your coming in.

Church History

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Pioneer settlements were established in the district in the years immediately before and after 1880. Salisbury to the north-west and Rose Ridge to the north-east were the nearest communities. The missionaries who followed early settlement at first made only occasional and brief visits, as they had large fields to cover, and many scattered settlements to serve; but on the arrival of each missionary, the call went out, and the people of the community gathered in common fellowship and worship.

The Methodist Church settled Rev. A. R. Aldridge in Arden in 1887, and the Presbyterians in 1893 built St. Andrew's Church, which was opened on October 22nd. Rev. Lang was the first settled minister. Each of these congregations grew strong in succeeding years, and each became a part of the United Church of Canada on June 10th, 1925. In the summer of 1927 the two congregations merged in St. Andrew's United Church, with the former Methodist Church building being dissembled and being rebuilt as the United Church annex. The larger church building gives ample accommodation for the larger Church, patriotic and community gatherings bringing together the people in the pure worship and common fellowship as in days of yore.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

DEAR FRIENDS:

Ever since the Lord said unto Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel and let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst," people have gathered in a place set apart for the worship of God.

The church is the link of union between God and man, therefore it is most important that we not only have an open bible, but also an open heart to receive His spirit.

As we gather for another anniversary, may the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus Christ unite us as one in the sight of God our Father.

May He richly bless you.

Sincerely,

ANGUS McCOLL.



OUR CHURCH



A church with a warm heart and a Christian welcome for all; a sanctuary of worship, a school of religious instruction, a working force for a better city and the new world in the making. A church that lifts up the cross, sounds the heroic note and offers the full gospel to all; receives with joy the babes of the Kingdom dedicated to Christ in baptism, hallows and sweetens the marriage altar, leads sin-burdened souls to the place of pardon and peace and power, gives comfort and strength and an open road to the anxious, troubled and sorrowing. A church that stands square-shouldered against every form of evil, gives a lead to every movement for social betterment, and lends to life the upward and the forward look. A church that is an army under the supreme Commander, Jesus Christ, and every Christian is a soldier; a Brotherhood where all are comrades of the big Brother; a business house, where every member is about his Father's business of extending the sway of love over all the kingdoms of life; a School where we learn the ideals and capture the spirit of the great Teacher; a Family, "the Household of Faith" where all are sisters and brothers of mutual helpfulness. Our Church offers to you a program for personal living, a social passion, a vital contact with the great sources of spiritual culture and power, a faith that destroys fear, a source of inner strength sufficient to every need, courage for this life, and hope for the life to come.

OFFICIAL BOARD QUARTERLY

SESSION.

STEWARDS.

CHURCH SCHOOL — 2:00 p.m..

CHOIR.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING.

BEAVER CLUB.

MISSION BAND.

BABY BAND.